GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4894
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COMPENSATION TO THE VICTIMS OF BOMB BLAST IN G.L. EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed/injured and the value of Railway property damaged in a bomb explosion in G.L. Expressbetween Khandigar and Gareswar station in Kamrup district in Assam on July 31, 2000;

(b) the number of trains affected and diverted to different routes;

(c) whether the Government have announced to pay compensation to the victims of said accidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount of compensation has so far been paid to the victims?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) In the bomb explosion in 5716 Up Katihar-Tezpur Express on 31.7.2000, 9 persons were killed and 12 persons were injured. The Value of Railway property damaged in the incident is approximately Rs.5,50,000/-.

(b) Following the bomb explosion and suspension of night running of trains in Assam area of Alipurduar Division, the number of trains affected is as follows:-

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Metre Gauge     -    12 trains
Broad Gauge     -    12 trains
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(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No compensation has so far been paid. Compensation will be paid soon after the claims filed by the claimants are decree by Railway Claims Tribunal.